

there is growing awareness that such threats are possible anywhere, many schools still have not developed safety protocols that would prepare them to maximize the prospects of preventing such tragedies or to effectively respond to them should they occur despite sound prevention efforts. The recent shooting at Old Dominion University is an unfortunate reminder of the need for this legislation.

Our nation's colleges and universities play a large role in the development of our next generation of leaders and we should assist them in their efforts to keep our campuses and our students safe. The Clery Act already requires schools to have safety plans in order to participate in the Title IV deferral student aid programs, however, currently there is no one place for schools to obtain reliable and useful information. It makes little sense to require the thousands of institutions of higher education to individually go through the cost and effort to develop comprehensive plans. Instead, they ought to be able to obtain guidance and assistance, including best practices, from a "one stop shop" like the Center.

The CAMPUS Safety Act will help institutions of higher learning understand how to prevent such tragedies from occurring, and how to respond immediately and effectively in case they do.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor and support this important legislation to ensure that our institutions of higher education have access to the information necessary to keep their schools safe.

**HONORING THEODORE C. MAX,  
M.D., WITH THE PRESTIGIOUS  
ROSAMOND CHILDS AWARD FOR  
COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY**

**HON. RICHARD L. HANNA**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2011*

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize Theodore C. Max, M.D. Theodore C. Max recently received the honor of the prestigious Rosamond Childs Award for Philanthropy, presented by the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc.

Theodore C. Max has held a strong presence as a leading surgeon in the Utica area for more than 30 years. The author of numerous publications, he has presented at conferences across the country, and has been acknowledged in Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare, and Who's Who in the World. A University of Rochester graduate and celebrated local physician, Theodore C. Max has received numerous awards, both for his professional and personal contributions to our society.

The Rosamond Childs Award for Community Philanthropy is awarded to individuals displaying an inspirational spirit of generosity and compassion. Theodore C. Max, M.D., exemplifies these values and his legacy is sure to leave a positive impact on generations to come. Community figures such as Theodore C. Max, M.D., must be recognized for the dedication and selflessness they display for their communities.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in honoring Theodore C. Max, M.D., for his gen-

erosity and commitment to our community and the world.

**HONORING SHERIDAN LEE**

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2011*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to pay tribute to Sheridan Lee of my district who died on June 9, 2011. We have lost a strong and vigorous supporter of human dignity and justice.

A lifelong resident of Genesee County, Sheridan spent 3 years in the Marine Corps. He returned to Flint and worked in the banking industry for 35 years, retiring from Bank One as Vice President of Commercial Loans. His first hand experience as the owner of the Hale Hat Shop helped him understand the struggles small businesses faced and he was very proud that he was able to help so many businesses in Flint.

For over 45 years, Sheridan was an uncompromising advocate for a better nation. While Sheridan was active in Michigan politics before 1968 his true leadership shined at the 1968 Congressional District Convention when as the Vice-Chair of the New Democratic Coalition he gathered a group that became known as the Kennedy-McCarthy Coalition and elected seven of the eight delegates to the National Democratic Convention, including myself. Sheridan was not satisfied with just saying or singing Kumbaya. He was not content with only sentimentalism. He was a persistent, tireless activist. Sheridan pursued justice unrelentingly. On October 14, 1969 Sheridan presided over the largest peace rally ever held in Flint, Michigan to protest the Vietnam war. Over 4000 citizens assembled at Wilson Park to express their anger over our nation's war policy. On that site today stands a statue of Gandhi, a monument to peace.

His political involvement was all encompassing. He was a great strategist and organizer but he contributed his physical labor to whatever was needed—from going door to door to assembling and distributing yard signs for the Kildee campaign and other Democrats. He helped drive dignitaries when they visited Flint including Secretary of Education Richard Riley during the 2000 campaign. As the former Treasurer of the Genesee County Democratic Party, Sheridan was recognized by the Michigan Democratic Party this year when they named him the Senior Citizen Volunteer of the Year at the annual Jeff-Jack Dinner. Indeed his telephone answering message gave no question as to his fervent political affiliation: "Hello. You have reached the Lee residence, the home of good Democrats."

In 2004, Sheridan and his wife, Maryion, formed the Progressive Caucus of the Genesee County Democratic Party. They started the Caucus to focus on educating the public about health care, the war, and other issues affecting the people of our country. They believe the public was getting a slanted view of issues and they decided to do something to correct it. They held numerous town hall meetings and seminars to give people an opportunity to express their views and hear a variety of opinions.

My wife, Gayle, and I appreciated their moral compass and enjoyed their warm friend-

ship. We broke bread together and enjoyed visiting them at their farm home. Family was very important to Sheridan. His son, Lindsey, Lindsey's wife, Beth, and their 3 children Teddy, Marlin and Freya; son, Lynn, his husband, Steve, and their daughter Addison; and daughter, Megan, are all politically active. Sheridan was very proud that he inspired his children to carry on his work in their own communities.

All who have shared Sheridan's friendship are better people because of that. I know that I am a better congressman but more significantly a better human being because of Sheridan Lee and his talented wife, Maryion.

**TRIBUTE TO PAUL M. DOWD AND  
THE NAMING OF THE BASEBALL  
FIELD AT WAHCONAH PARK IN  
PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
IN HIS HONOR**

**HON. JOHN W. OLVER**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2011*

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Paul M. Dowd for his longtime service to the City of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and whose name will hereinafter be associated with the historic baseball field at Wahconah Park in Pittsfield.

Mr. Dowd first came to Pittsfield in 1966 as a pitcher for the Pittsfield Red Sox—having been signed by that organization in 1964—from his home state of Michigan, where he also attended Ferris State College. He has been a full-time resident of Pittsfield for the past 35 years. During that time, he has generously dedicated his time to the community.

Thirty years ago, Mr. Dowd founded the Berkshire County Chapter of the Jimmy Fund and remains active as its president. He was elected to the Pittsfield City Council for six years, served in the United States Marine Reserves, coached Little League baseball, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Elks Lodge, and American Legion. Mr. Dowd is well known in the community for his selfless and thoughtful commitment to improving the quality of life for children afflicted with cancer.

In recognition of his magnanimous service to the community and its children, the Pittsfield City Council and the Pittsfield Park Commission voted unanimously to name the baseball field at Wahconah Park as the Paul M. Dowd Field. Because of his outstanding commitment to the welfare of Pittsfield's citizenry, Mr. Dowd is most deserving of this high honor.

**AMERICA INVENTS ACT**

SPEECH OF

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1249) to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform:

Mr. MORAN. Madam Chair, I rise today to express my concerns about the Manager's